

Remarks

Minor changes to the specification have been made on page 4 to provide better consistency in terminology.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4 and has rewritten allowable dependent claims 3 and 4 as newly added claims 5 and 6, respectively.

Original claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon the reference patents to Barnett, Harris and West. Original claims 3 and 4 have been indicated to be allowable, but they were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 5 now is written in independent form, and it includes all of the limitations of claim 3, as well as original claim 1. Likewise, claim 6 now has been written in independent form, and it includes all of the limitations of original claim 4, original claim 3 and base claim 1. In rewriting claim 3 as new claim 5, Applicant made an editorial change by adding the term "generally" at line 27 before the word "encircle." This is done to make that term agree with the term "generally cylindrical," which appears at line 26 in the preceding clause. This adds consistency in terminology. A similar change is made in claim 6. Further, the word "shaft" at line 26 of claim 5 has been changed to "pole" to provide consistency with respect to the antecedents in line 15 and 16 and in line 25. A similar change is made in claim 6.

In claims 5 and 6, the means clause that defines the structure for adjusting the angular position of the fishing pole holder elements has been replaced by two separate means clauses at lines 27 and 28 of claim 5 and at lines 29 and 30 of claim 6 to more clearly indicate that each of the recited adjusting means comprises a separate pedestal. This change makes the claims more precise.

Claims 7 and 8 are allowable for the same reasons claims 5 and 6 have been indicated to be allowable. Claim 7 eliminates the adjective "threaded" as a modifier of the term "support shaft" at line 13. The term "clamping bolt" is used rather than "clamping

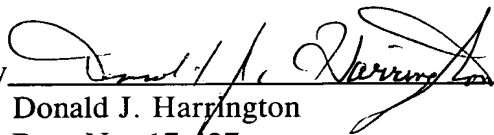
member" at line 36 of claim 7. The term "clamping element" is used at line 37 of claim 7. These terms are used also in claim 8.

In Applicant's view, claims 5-8 are now in allowable form. The issuance of a notice of allowance at the Examiner's early convenience is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$100.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claims filing fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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